

Andrew Jackson to John Coffee, December 5, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JOHN COFFEE.

Fort Strother, December 5, 1813

D'r Genl: Genl Cocke is to form a Junction with me on the 12th. instant, his force not named. so soon as Genl Cocke forms a Junction with me, and your Cavalry gets up I shall move to the hickory ground. As soon as you reach Madison and your Brigade assembles I will be glad to hear of your force, so that I may be able to Judge, of my strength when united. you will regulate your movement in such away as to form certainly a Junction with me by the thirteenth; if you should be advised by the contractors that a sufficient supply of provisions to fill up my requisition at this place has been sent on. there is now a good road discovered from the flint mills to the Tennessee at Thompsons Camp, and from there to this place there is not a large hill or mountain but what is cut around, and the road is now good for waggons. you will urge the contractors to lay under requisition every waggon in the county, to accompany the pack horses, so that a sufficient quantity of bread stuff may arive here by the twelfth instant you must bring on with you sufficient supply of corn to last your Brigade 12 miles below Talladega, where there is plenty of reeds and at the Hillebays (unless destroyed) a supply of corn. from information through Fife¹ the Georgians with the Cowetas has had a Battle with the Creeks, and has been compelled to retreat; this Battle fought 75 miles from Talladega. Dispatch is therefore necessary for this branch of the army and also strength to give them a final blow. I am respectfully yrs

1 Jim Fife, a friendly Creek chief.

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P S. you will regulate your advance by the information of the supplies. so soon as you arrive I will march.